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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

James Darryl Allen,

Petitioner-Appellant,

V.

Gail Lewis, Warden, Respondent-Appellee. No. 01-15503 D.C. No. CV-99-20054-RMW ORDER

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Northern District of California Ronald M. Whyte, District Judge, Presiding

Argued and Submitted June 18, 2002—San Francisco, California

Filed July 15, 2002

Before: Mary M. Schroeder, Chief Judge, Stephen Reinhardt, Alex Kozinski, Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain, Stephen S. Trott, Pamela Ann Rymer, Andrew J. Kleinfeld, Sidney R. Thomas, M. Margaret McKeown, Richard C. Tallman and Johnnie B. Rawlinson, Circuit Judges.

COUNSEL

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ORDER

The district court held that Allen's petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 was filed sixteen days after the AEDPA one-year statute of limitations had expired. See 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d). After the panel opinion affirmed the district court, we decided Bunney v. Mitchell, 262 F.3d 973 (9th Cir. 2001), where we held that the California Supreme Court's denial of a petition for collateral relief does not become final until thirty days after the denial is issued. Id. at 974 (citing Rule 24 of the California Rules of Court). We so held after the California Supreme Court had declined to answer our certified question on this point. Id. (citing Bunney v. Mitchell, 249 F.3d 1188, 1188-89 (9th Cir. 2001)). Under Bunney, which we now reaffirm, the petition in this case was timely. The judgment of the district court is therefore REVERSED and the matter REMANDED for consideration of the petition for habeas corpus.

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